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PLO Affairs

PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat has postponed indefinitely the visit he was scheduled to pay to the Soviet Union this week, Algiers Voice of Palestine radio reported citing a PLO source in Moscow. Meanwhile, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrey Gromyko met with PLO Political Department chief Faruq Qaddumi, who spoke about the PLO leadership's efforts to overcome the "complications" within the Palestinian resistance, according to TASS. The Soviet side stressed that discord within the PLO must be overcome by political means and drew attention to the need to strengthen cooperation between the PLO and "progressive" Arab countries. PLO sources in Moscow cited by KUNA disclosed that Qaddumi and his delegation left the meeting in a "very optimistic" mood in light of Gromyko's "understanding view" toward the issues presented by the Palestinian side concerning the PLO-Syrian dispute. Gromyko promised that the Soviet Union will use its influence on the Syrians to heal the rift and will also exert efforts to settle the differences within Fatah, the sources said.

Yasir 'Arafat continued to denounce the "conspiracy" to control Palestinian decisionmaking, telling PLO fighters in Algeria that the PLO is being stabbed in the back by "agents" of the "Zionist enemy," Tunis radio reported. In another development, Fatah Central Committee member Salah Khalaf described 'Arafat's expulsion from Syria as "more serious" than late Egyptian President Anwar as-Sadat's visit to Jerusalem, according to Radio Monte Carlo. Meanwhile, PFLP official Ahmad al-Yamani, who is a member of the PLO Executive Committee, criticized proposals for the establishment of a Palestinian government-in-exile, Damascus radio reported. Such ideas are aimed at giving the Palestinian and Arab masses the impression that the phase of armed struggle is over and that the phase of political bargaining will begin within the framework of "capitulatory settlements" like the Reagan plan, Al-Yamani asserted.

Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam will pay an official visit to Washington though the date has not yet been fixed, Baghdad Voice of PLO radio reported citing a U.S. State Department spokesman.

Lebanon

PSP Warning, Preparations — If the Lebanese Army enters the Ash-Shuf mountain area after a partial Israeli withdrawal without a "comprehensive national solution that preserves Lebanon's unity and independence," the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) will consider this an "explicit challenge in favor of the Phalangist side," a PSP official announced in remarks reported by KUNA. However, the PSP will not oppose the Army if it enters according to a political agreement and to previously agreed controls by all the "effective" powers in the country, he stated. The PSP's Druze fighters and other leftist militias are making military prepara-

tions to confront the Lebanese Army's entry into the mountain region, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported.

IDF Redeployment — Israeli ministerial discussions on IDF redeployment have been delayed to allow for coordination with the Lebanese Army and multinational force, IDF Radio reported. Meanwhile, Voice of Lebanon radio noted that a large IDF military convoy left the Ash-Shuf area for the south.

Israel

Israel will restore the Jewish quarter in Hebron just as it restored the Jewish quarter in Jerusalem, Defense Minister Moshe Arens told the Knesset in remarks reported by Jerusalem radio. The Hebron residents have much to make amends for since the 1929 massacre of Jews in the city, Arens declared.

Libya

The newly defected Libyan ambassador to Jordan, 'Aziz 'Umar ash-Shunayb, announced in a Radio Monte Carlo interview that he was personally instructed by Colonel Mu'ammarr al-Qadhafi to organize the assassination of Jordanian King Husayn. He also said Al-Qadhafi authorized the embassy in Amman to distribute funds among Palestinians to increase divisions within the PLO and incite hostility against King Husayn.

Chad

The commander of Koukouni Oueddei's forces admitted that President Hissain Habre's troops have recaptured Abeche, stating in a Paris radio interview that he was obliged to order the evacuation of the city in the face of an attack by assault tanks manned by "foreigners," particularly Zairians.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Three oil wells at Iran's Nowruz oil field are on fire and another is currently losing 17,000 barrels a day, Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi said in remarks reported by the Tehran newspaper *Keyhan International*. Iraq is trying to force Iran to accept peace by attacking the oil fields, Gharazi said, but Iran will reply appropriately on the battlefield. Meanwhile, a ranking Iraqi commander warned that if the Iranians launch a new offensive, the Iraqi forces will not allow them to flee but will annihilate them, INA reported citing a statement made to *Alif Ba'* magazine. On the battlefronts, fighting continued along the "entire defensive lines," an Iranian Armed Forces communique broadcast by Tehran radio stated. On the Abadan and Khorramshahr fronts, Iranian forces killed or wounded a "number" of Iraqi soldiers and destroyed more than 11 machinegun emplacements, the communique stated, adding that although an Iraqi force "pretended" to launch an offensive near Sumar, it was repulsed.

Iran

Council of Experts Meeting — The Council of Experts, holding its inaugural meeting in Tehran, elected Qom Friday Imam Ayatollah 'Ali Meshkini as its chairman and Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani as its deputy chairman, Tehran radio announced on 14 July. Earlier, in a message greeting the session, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni reminded the members of the council of their grave responsibility and urged them to be vigilant and to consult with specialists on important issues, according to IRNA. In a press conference before the meeting, Ayatollah Mohammad Reza Mahdavi-Kani, head of the committee supervising the elections in the Council of Experts, noted that according to the Constitution the council is responsible for appointing the future leader of the country, IRNA also reported.

Profiteering, Shortages — A handful of "dependent capitalists" are profiteering and hoarding and are also distributing drugs and

spreading corruption, Prosecutor General Musavi-Tabrizi warned in an interview reported by Tehran radio. Referring to power and water cuts in Tehran, Musavi-Tabrizi said that those who are spreading rumors cause divisions and dissatisfaction among the people, thus helping "military terrorists." Meanwhile, "problems" arising from bread shortages should be solved soon, an official in charge of the state grain organization stated in an interview with the radio. He said good wheat reserves and the government's measures will help solve the "recent bread problems."

Afghanistan

Afghan guerrillas attacked Kabul airport twice in the past week, AFP reported citing Western diplomatic sources. A resistance spokesman said an "unspecified number" of troop transports and helicopters were damaged in an attack on 9 July, AFP added.

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President Babrak Karmal's 'Id al-Fitr Message
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[Text] Kabul, 10 Jul (BAKHTAR) — A message by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium, on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr:

Dear compatriots, dear Moslem brothers and sisters: On behalf of the PDPA Central Committee, the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium, and the government and on my own behalf, I express good wishes to you faithful compatriots and all Muslims of the world on the arrival of the auspicious 'Id al-Fitr.

This year, we again celebrate this auspicious occasion when our toiling and faithful people have completely observed the month of Ramadan in a free atmosphere and in the hope of a prosperous future. During this month, mosques and all places of worship were open for faithful Muslims with all their facilities and assistance given to all noble and patriot ulema, imams, and spiritual leaders.

On this auspicious day, we once again invite all our compatriots to true Islamic fraternity and to struggle for right and justice and the rights of the toiling man in our society. We invite all people, particularly those misled, to fraternity and peace. We ask all Muslims of the world to realize the humanitarian and peace-loving policy of our party and revolutionary state, which has been proved in practice.

A recent decree issued by the Revolutionary Council Presidium which terminated or reduced the terms of imprisonment of a large number of prisoners who had repented at their past unworthy actions indicates the realistic humanitarian policy and democratic treatment of our revolutionary state. Our party and revolutionary state take steps in the way of righteousness and justice, which is the path of goodness, and in the way of true service to the toilers of our homeland.

Our faithful Muslim compatriots know that struggle against our rebellious enemies — that is, criminals, murderers, and counter-revolutionary bandits who have endangered the peaceful life and security of our people — is a decisive necessity and is in complete accord with the principles of the sacred religion of Islam. Our compatriots now know very well the dark faces of counterrevolutionaries infiltrated from abroad and sincerely participate in the struggle and work of the reconstruction of our society and in the consolidation and expansion of the foundation of the values of revolution.

The people witness with their own eyes that every day a new step is taken by the revolutionary state on the path of the prosperity of the toilers of our homeland. If interference by imperialists, reactionaries, and the Chinese hegemonists in our internal affairs had not existed our successes would have undoubtedly been more and the suffering of our people much less.

The aim of counterrevolutionaries in their hostility against our revolution, people, party, and state is to create obstacles in the way of fundamental changes in our society. International imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism, which controls the counter-

revolutionaries, shamelessly talks about defending Islam when it talks about our country, while it instigates, encourages, and arms its servants to murder our Muslim and innocent people, intimidate, savage, and create an atmosphere of economic sabotage. This is U.S. imperialism, which in open enmity with Islam and Muslims, instigates and supports the Israeli criminal Zionists against the Muslim Arab people of Palestine.

In spite of all imperialist and reactionary conspiracies, we would resolutely pursue the path we have chosen to our final victory. Our revolutionary state guarantees and maintains the draft and implementation of all plans for social and economic development and for the elimination of backwardness and consistent systematic progress. The experience of recent years of our revolution show that the present policy of our party and state is, on the one hand, in accord with the hopes and interests of our toiling people. On the other hand, it is a blow at the conspiracies of the enemies of the homeland. On the basis of this policy, the process of consolidating and strengthening the values of revolution is now accelerated. A number of compatriots who had been deceived by the tricks of enemies and had taken sides against the revolution — and similarly, armed groups — have now come over to the revolutionary government and have joined the revolution's defenders. The repeated blows that our Armed Forces have dealt to the counterrevolutionaries have resulted in scattering the bandit bands and have taken away the power of resistance from them.

The realistic and just policy of the party and government in connection with the country's tribal, clan, and nationalities question has resulted in their support of and sincere cooperation with the revolutionary state. Thus, to the extent that our revolutionary and progressive policy influences the people, it will cause the social development of the revolution and the defeat of counter-revolutionaries and will provide objective grounds for fundamental social changes for the interests of our toiling people and the developmental process of the revolution.

Dear compatriots, we must respect these auspicious days of 'Id al-Fitr, which is happily celebrated by our toiling and Muslim people. We must not forget the martyrs of the path of revolution and must not forget that there are many families of the Muslim Palestinian people who are mourning their dear ones in these days of happiness. All these sufferings are the outcome of the warmongering and antihumanitarian policies of international imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism. The U.S. Administration, by openly and officially declaring a warmongering policy, fans the arms race and seriously puts the world in danger of nuclear war. All mankind and all those who think of our civilization bear the responsibility of preventing a nuclear holocaust and must struggle for this.

The international assembly recently held in Prague was an important event. This historic assembly demonstrated the wishes of millions of the world's people that they are against nuclear war and want to live in peace.

The responsibility of present tensions in the world decisively rests on the shoulders of U.S. imperialism. The dealing that Washington is currently doing is nothing but preparation for nuclear confrontation. The U.S. Administration wants to gain military

superiority and to impose its will on others. However, in the present world situation, only lunatics could attempt such a desire. The Soviet Union, which is the reliable bulwark of international peace, relying on its own power and possibilities and relying on its own friends and partners, has the power and stamina to protect the security of the Soviet Union, socialist order, international security, and world peace. The recent meeting of socialist countries, their meetings in Moscow, and their proposals and initiatives realistically offer solutions to present world tensions and could become the guarantors of international peace.

Believing profoundly in maintaining an atmosphere of peace for the life of our people, we will not spare any effort in this goal. Maintaining national peace and attracting the masses of people to the construction of a new society are the main goals of our party, revolution, and revolutionary state. As during the 12th Plenum of the PDPA Central Committee, which was convened recently, situations in the country and the tasks of the party and state power regarding the present conditions were comprehensively discussed and important resolutions were passed.

Sister and brother compatriots, once again on behalf of the PDPA Central Committee, the DRA Revolutionary Council and Government, and on my own behalf, I offer best wishes and congratulations to you faithful and toiling compatriots and to all the world's Muslims.

I wish you a pleasant time and happiness during the 'Id al-Fitr holidays.

Long live our toiling and free people!

[Signed] Babrak Karmal

AFP Reports Second Rebel Attack on Kabul Airport
BK131134 Hong Kong AFP in English 1125 GMT 13 Jul 83

[Text] Islamabad, July 13 (AFP) — Afghan guerrillas have attacked Kabul airport twice in just over a week and stepped up operations within the capital, Western diplomatic sources said here today.

A spokesman for the Moslem resistance in the border town of Peshawar said guerrillas had damaged a unspecified number of troop transport planes and helicopters during a rocket and mortar attack on the airport on Saturday night. Several people within the airport grounds were said to have been injured in the attack, which also resulted in slight damage to the control tower.

On July 1 rebels wrecked two aircraft belonging to the Afghan Airline Ariana, two helicopters and a Mig fighter in an attack which left several Soviet soldiers dead, according to Western diplomats.

Cables from Kabul said the capital was rocked by "intense exchanges of fire and powerful explosions almost every night" last week, diplomats said. They said a bomb went off in front of offices of the Afghan Communist Party in Kabul's modern Share Nau District and a second device exploded at the foot of Kabul's largest building, resulting in numerous casualties.

The city's main wheat silo was the target of four attacks in two weeks, and rebels again knocked out pylons in the east of Kabul, causing a 12-hour blackout throughout most of the city on Friday night, the Western sources said. The diplomats said helicopter patrols had since flown over Kabul each night.

The resurgence of guerrilla activity in the capital, according to sources in Peshawar, followed the arrival there of several well-trained and armed commando groups led by senior members of the Fundamentalist Alliance, which groups several rebel movements.

Karachi: Mujahidin Attack Targets in Kabul, Qandahar
BK140246 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 14 Jul 83

[Text] According to reports from Afghanistan, 50 Soviet-Karmal soldiers were killed as a result of a mujahidin attack on several important targets in Kabul. A bomb exploded in the ruling communist party office in Kabul last week, causing considerable damage to the office. A bomb explosion at the tallest building of the city resulted in considerable loss of life. According to reports, the mujahidin also attacked a military barracks in Qandahar city center, causing heavy casualties.

Coverage of President Karmal's Visit to Mongolia

For Kabul and Ulaanbaatar radio and MONTSAME and BAKHTAR press agency coverage of President Babrak Karmal's visit to the Mongolian People's Republic, see the Mongolia section of the 11 July Asia & Pacific Daily Report and subsequent issues.

Prime Minister Greet's Nepal's Chand on Election
BK131658 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT
13 Jul 83

[Text] The prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, has felicitated Mr Chand on his election as the prime minister of Nepal. In her message, Mrs Gandhi hoped that the people of Nepal would prosper under his leadership. She also called for closer cooperation between the two countries.

Rajiv Gandhi Comments on Visit to Soviet Union
BK131430 Delhi General Overseas Service in English
1330 GMT 13 Jul 83

[Text] The Congress-I general secretary, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, has said that the Soviet Union is concerned about the escalation of tension in the world and wants to reduce it. He was speaking at the Delhi airport today on his return from a 2-week tour of the Soviet Union. A large number of party workers were present to receive Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

In reply to questions by newsmen, he said it was a good-will visit and matters of mutual interest were discussed with the Soviet leaders.

Home Minister-Akali Dal Letters Released
BK131617 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT
13 Jul 83

[Text] Letters exchanged between the union home minister, Mr P.C. Sethi, and the Akali Dal president, Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, indicate that all efforts of the center to settle the Punjab issue across the table have been foiled. Three letters from the home minister and two from the Akali Dal chief exchanged between 30 May and 21 June were released by the Home Ministry in New Delhi today.

The home minister, in his letter of 7 June, suggested that matters like the use of holy shrines for sheltering antisocial elements and storage of arms should also be discussed at the next round of talks. Mr Sethi hoped that since all are anxious for a negotiated settlement, every step should be taken by all concerned to ensure that the atmosphere in Punjab is not vitiated.

In his reply on 11 June, the Akali Dal chief charged the home minister with introducing, what he called, absolutely extremist element by raising the question of alleged misuse of holy shrines on the basis of newspaper reports.

The home minister in his reply on 15 June denied that he was trying to bring in any extremist element while mentioning the misuse of holy places whose sanctity we all cherish.

A delegation of the Punjab Hindu Sangathan [organization] met the prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, in New Delhi today. In a memorandum, they asked her to ban the use of religious places for political purposes. The leader of the delegation, Mr Birendra, told newsmen that they also complained to her that the Akali leadership was encouraging lawlessness in Punjab.

The Janata Party leader, Mr Raj Narain, says criminals and antisocial elements should not be given shelter in religious places. He was talking to newsmen in New Delhi today after a visit to Punjab.

4 Policemen Killed in 13 July Punjab Incident
BK140846 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT
14 Jul 83

[Text] In Punjab, four policemen, including a head constable, were killed when some unidentified persons attacked an excise post at a village near Kampurthala last night.

According to a police spokesman in Chandigarh, one policeman and a nearby shopkeeper were also injured in the incident. The culprits, who used firearms and sharp-edged weapons, took away rifles from the killed policemen. Senior police officials, including the inspector general for law and order, Mr P.S. Bhinder, have rushed to the spot. Police all over the state have been alerted.

Rohini-D2 Satellite Completes Mission Objectives
BK140415 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT
14 Jul 83

[Text] Rohini-D2 satellite has completed all its mission objectives. The satellite passed over the country twice during its 12 weeks in orbit.

The director of the satellite center of the Indian Space Research Organization, Professor U.R. Rao, told UNITED NEWS OF INDIA in Bangalore that Rohini's smart sensor camera has sent excellent imageries which were used to identify important landmarks.

The satellite was launched from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh atop SLV-3 rocket on the 16th of April this year.

NEPAL

Prime Minister, Cabinet Members Sworn in 13 July

BK131531 Katmandu External Service in English 1450 GMT
13 Jul 83

[Text] His majesty the king, in accordance with the Constitution of Nepal, administered the oath of office to the newly appointed prime minister, Lokendra Bahadur Chand, at a special function held at Narayan Huti Royal Palace in Katmandu this morning. At the same function, by the command of his majesty the king, Prime Minister Mr Chand then administered the oath of office to the newly appointed ministers, the ministers of state, and the assistant ministers. The ministers sworn in were: Jog Mehar Shrestha, Padma Sunder Lawati, Pashupati Shumsher Jang Bahadur Rana, Hem Bahadur Malla, Narayan Dutta Bhatta, Bakhan Singh Gurung, Padma Bahadur Khatri, Damber Narayan Yadav, and Prakash Chandra Lohani.

Ministers of state sworn in were: Fatya Singh Tharu, Bishnu Maden, Deepak Vohra, and Shri Prasad Budhathoki.

Assistant ministers sworn in were: Surbir Shahi, Jung Bahadur Bista, Mrs Vidhya Devi Devkota, Kedar Rai, Niranjana Thapa, Bhola Nath Singh Thapa, and Mukunda Bahadur Basnyet.

Prime Minister Chand Outlines Policy Objectives

BK131607 Katmandu External Service in English 1450 GMT
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[Excerpts] Prime Minister Lokendra Bahadur Chand has pledged that the new Council of Ministers would work actively to give an effective government to the country. Prime Minister Chand was speaking at the Rashtriya Panchayat today after assuming the office of the prime minister. He stressed that the cause of the system could be promoted if the problems of the people could be reduced. Remarking that the significant contribution could be made in the development of the country if all worked together from all sections of the society under the able leadership of his majesty the king, the prime minister said that there were many problems ahead, and the biggest of all was the challenge of economic development. There should be a common awareness of the fact that the limited resources of the country should be put to judicious use. He said the country was poor and backward in many respects and the people needed relief of many kinds. The prime minister said [words indistinct] creating general awareness. He then noted with confidence that under the leadership of his majesty the king the problems facing the country can be overcome.

He said that an ordinary worker of the partyless Panchayat system had been able to have the confidence of the house and had an opportunity to get appointed to the post of the country's premiership. The prime minister added that the onus of furthering the cause of the nation [words indistinct] had fallen on the shoulders of the Panchayat worker.

Prime Minister Lokendra Bahadur Chand meeting with newsmen after taking the oath of office today said: The newly constituted Council of Ministers would give topmost priority to improving the national economy and spare no effort to bring about greater unity and cohesion among Panchas. Mr Chand told the press that he would do his best to provide relief to the people suffering from scarcity and the rise in foodgrain prices. He said his majesty's government was committed to the balanced regional development of the country as a whole. Prime Minister Chand said that the newly constituted ministry would stress doing away with corruption that was eating into the vitals of the economy.

Opposition Leader Criticizes Panchayat System

BK131106 Hong Kong AFP in English 0741 GMT 13 Jul 83

[Text] New Delhi, July 13 (AFP) — As a new government took over in Katmandu today, a leader of one of Nepal's outlawed political parties called here on King Birendra to scrap the partyless Panchayat system and hold new elections.

Ganesh Man Singh, leader of the banned Nepali Congress, told *The Statesman* newspaper: "We are opposed to the Panchayat system ... we are still for a reconciliation with the king."

"We want a constitutional monarchy and a democratic system," added Mr Singh, who has come to India to undergo medical check-ups.

(King Birendra has approved a 21-member Council of Ministers chaired by new Prime Minister Lokendra Bahadur Chand following the dissolution of Surya Bahadur Thapa's government on Monday, radio Nepal reported today in Katmandu.)

Mr Singh said: "...For 22 years you (King Birendra) have imposed on us the Panchayat system, but the country has not gone an inch forward, still we want to cooperate with you... give us the opportunity to cooperate."

He said that the Nepalese political system could be put back on the rails if the Panchayat system was scrapped and general elections were called.

Mr Singh said this could be done if it was decided to remove the "most pernicious clause" in the Constitution — that banning democratic elements and those who had not taken a pledge as "Panchas" (follower of the Panchayat system) from contesting elections.

SRI LANKA

Jayawardene Calls All-Party Meeting on Terrorism

BK131203 Hong Kong AFP in English 1012 GMT 13 Jul 83

[Text] Colombo, July 13 (AFP) — President Junius Jayawardene has summoned an all-party conference for next Wednesday to discuss the growing wave of terrorism by minority Tamil separatists, informed sources said today.

The move initiated by Mr Jayewardene is to seek the help of all parties, including those unrepresented in Parliament, to map out a national strategy to stamp out terrorism.

The presidential secretariat has written to all parties inviting their leaders for the July 20 meeting. There were no indications yet of how many of them would respond to the president's call.

President Jayewardene told the London *Daily Telegraph* in an interview that he might even consider introducing martial law in the north to wipe out terrorism by Tamil militants who are seeking an independent state — "Tamil Eelam".

Since July 1, violence in the north has risen sharply with militant separatists attacking rail stations, state administrative and post offices and damaging equipment and other state property.

They have also burnt several state-owned buses and vehicles and set ablaze 10 carriages of the main train from Colombo to the north.

The new spate of violence began after the arrests of the president and secretary of the Tamil Eelam Liberation Front (TELF) for organising demonstrations in violation of emergency laws currently in force.

Tamil militants attacking state institutions have left behind notes saying that government officials would not be allowed to operate until the two Tamil detainees were released.

Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa recently told Parliament that militants had killed over 70 people, including politicians, police and service personnel.

He told Parliament last week that terrorism should not be fought with terrorism.

"You would appreciate the government has to be cautious," he said. Observers told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE today that Mr Jayewardene was obviously trying to get a consensus for any moves he is contemplating to combat the mounting violence by armed militants.

"If he can get the major political parties to back him, it would considerably strengthen his hand," a source said.

He said opposition parties were facing a dilemma because a failure on their part to take a stand against terrorism would trigger antagonism from the country's Sinhala majority against them. At the same time they would not want to help Mr Jayewardene out of his troubles, he added.

Reportage on Council of Experts Meeting

Mahdavi-Kani Comments

GF131838 Tehran IRNA in English 1553 GMT 13 Jul 83

[Text] Tehran, July 13, IRNA — The Assembly of Experts will be inaugurated with the message of the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeyni, at the Majlis building here Thursday morning.

Ayatollah Mohammad Reza Mahdavi-Kani, head of the central committee to supervise elections of the Assembly of Experts, will be the first speaker of the session. Following his speech oath taking ceremony will be held and elections will be conducted for choosing the permanent board of directors, who will be elected for a two year term, relative to their receiving a majority of the votes.

Ayatollah Mahdavi-Kani speaking in a press conference here today said that under provisions of Article 107 of the Constitution, Assembly of Experts among other things was responsible for appointing the leader. He further referred to other articles of the Constitution such as Article 5 which stipulates, during total absence of Imam Mahdi (AS) the 12th imam of Shi'ite Muslims (and may the Almighty let his advent come to pass soon) the authority who would command and lead the people shall be an Islamic theologian and canonist. He must be just, virtuous, abreast of the times, brave, an organiser and judicious, whom the majority of people would accept as their leader. If there are no such Islamic theologians and canonists to have won the majority of the people the leader or the council of leadership composed of Islamic theologians and canonists fully qualified as stated above, shall be entrusted with such rule and leadership as specified under Article 107 of this law.

In another part of the press conference, Ayatollah Mahdavi-Kani said that the Assembly would open under supervision of the Guardians Council and will appoint the future leader. As for sessions of the Assembly he said that it would hold one round of meetings a year and each round would last five days. Additional meetings would be held if considered necessary by the board of directors or if suggested by members.

At the end Ayatollah Mahdavi-Kani who is also the secretary general of the Tehran combatant ulema society, said that so far 69 of the total 83 members of the Assembly have been elected.

Khomeyni Message Read

LD141037 Tehran IRNA in English 0905 GMT 14 Jul 83

[Text] Tehran, July 14 IRNA — Leader of the Islamic Revolution Imam Khomeyni Thursday reminded members of the Assembly of Experts of the grave responsibility they were shouldering urging them to consult with specialists on important issues.

In a message to mark the inauguration of the Assembly of Experts, read by his son Seyyed Ahmad Khomeyni, the imam advised the members to be vigilant and do not allow pseudo-

Islamic and revolutionary faces to harm them, through the Assembly, the Islamic Revolution and Republic.

The Assembly of Experts was inaugurated at 09:00 a.m. Tehran time at the Majlis building with the recitation of verses from holy Quran. Majlis deputies, members of the Council of Guardians, Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani, chief justice, Musavi-Ardabili, Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, chief of the joint staff General Qasem 'Ali Zahirnezhad, commander of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps Mohsen Reza'i, a number of members of the foreign diplomatic corps, cabinet ministers and several other military and civilian dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Referring to the Assembly of Experts as a major means for the continuation of the Islamic Republic, Imam Khomeyni's message noted that both followers of Islam and its opponents placed their hope in it.

The former were those whose representatives were forming the Assembly to safeguard and guide the Islamic Republic in an appropriate manner and the latter those who were awaiting to abuse the Assembly through their agents to distort the Islamic system even in the long run, the message read.

It stressed that the superpowers and the lackey regimes did not oppose monarchical Islam but rather were reaffirming it and were supporting the Islam which was represented by these powers' diabolic agents or through ignorance disguised as scholars.

Those powers were not [word indistinct] of pseudo-religious figures serving the courts and paving the way for the plunder and domination of the superpowers, the message said.

Criticising the governments which were wholeheartedly, under the pretext of Islam, serving the superpowers mainly the United States and preserving their interests, and pseudo-religious figures who intended to deprive committed Muslims of haj pilgrimage on charges of complaining about the U.S. and the Zionists regime, should no doubt be confirmed by these two regimes as well as that of the Soviet Union, Imam Khomeyni's message added.

But, the message stressed, if the messenger of Islam, Prophet Mohammad (SAW) thought in this way and would follow the religious in the same manner, he would not suffer that much agony and nor such a great number of Muslims would be martyred.

The founder of the Islamic Republic reiterated the importance of the responsibility that the Assembly of Experts was undertaking, emphasising that the fate of Islam and Muslim people of Iran was intermingled with it.

Minor negligence or enforcement of personal views would, God forbid, create a catastrophe in history if Islam and the Islamic Republic harmed, Islam would be hindered from centuries and monarchical Islam, it read.

Imam Khomeini recommended the future leader or the council of leadership to be vigilant and not be impressed by this status, adding that he had prepared a 30-page written will to be left with the Assembly of Experts to be released after his death.

The message reminded the Assembly that the plunderer superpowers, after receiving a blow by Islam, were awaiting any opportune moment to divert the divine system from its true path. It stressed that the only deviation which would lead to the diversion of all organisations could be the deviation of leadership, the leadership for which the Assembly of Experts was playing the main role.

The message concluded by wishing for unity among Muslim countries and ummah and for further strengthening of the Islamic Republic, also [words indistinct] for further magnificence of Islam.

At the end of the inaugural session also attended by President 'Ali Khamene'i who is a member to the Assembly of Experts, oath (?taking) ceremonies were taken place.

Council Leaders Elected

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[From the headlines]

[Text] At the first session of the Council of Experts, Ayatollah Meshkini was appointed chairman with 45 votes and Hojjat ol-Islam val-Moslemin Hashemi-Rafsanjani — with 38 votes — was appointed deputy chairman of the Council of Experts.

President Khamene'i Addresses Islamic Ambassadors
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[Text] Yesterday on the occasion of the prosperous 'Id al-Fitr, the ambassadors of the Islamic countries to Tehran met with President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i.

After a short recitation from the Koran, Ibrahim Ahmad al-Yunis, ambassador of the Islamic Arabic Syria to the Islamic Republic of Iran, representing ambassadors of the Islamic countries, addressed the president of the Islamic Republic of Iran, saying: We, with hearts filled with belief, and in the name of your brother Islamic countries, offer the best congratulations on the occasion of the prosperous 'Id al-Fitr to the dear nation and president of Iran. This 'Id has been a good opportunity to visit the president who intends to unite Muslims by relying on Islam.

Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, after offering congratulations for a prosperous 'Id, then told the ambassadors: You brothers should feel like you are in your own home in our country and this is a real feeling which we share. No matter what your language or race or any other differences that you might have, you will be treated in our country as a Muslim and as if you were in your own country.

He noted the mercy of God in the holy month of Ramadan and said: It is true that most of the Islamic countries are suffering from poverty and a social class system and this makes self-improvement very important. For these shortcomings and problems, we have been asking for unity among Islamic countries. This is not just propaganda; it is a real invitation. We feel that if Muslims are being united, most of their problems will be solved.

The president noted the military, governmental, and moral differences among some of the Islamic countries and said: The unity that we are talking about can be implemented even with all these differences. We scorn blaming the differences among Islamic countries on the issue of Sunnis and Shi'ites. The president continued: Our belief in God which we share requires all Muslims to live in happiness and with pride. This happiness will occur when foreigners no longer rule us and we can reach our magnificent past.

Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i then noted the efforts of the important men of the Islamic world, for example, Seyyed Jamal al-Din Asadabadi, [words indistinct] for the unity of Muslims and said: Muslims should not forget the efforts of these men.

The president then said: A bitter truth is that in some of the Islamic countries, Sunday is marked instead of Friday and Christian dates are used instead of Arabic dates and many occasions which are being celebrated belong to foreigners. We have heard that movements have started to stop these foreign customs. Recently in Bangladesh the weekends have been changed from Sundays to Fridays. We think the key stipulation for unity is returning to our Islamic past and being freed from the economic and political rule of foreigners, especially the United States.

The president then said: We, the Muslims of the world, are 1/4 of the population of the world and own many important, strategic rich lands. Then he told the ambassadors who were present: We believe that this great power can unify the Islamic world. The unity that we are talking about should be a real and strong one. We hope that the Islamic conference will discuss some more realistic Islamic subjects and discuss plans for reaching real unity.

He also said: Today among the foreigners who in different ways have influences in Islamic countries, the most dangerous one is the United States. And the United States is a very great danger in the region. Unfortunately, its economic and political power increases daily. This problem should be solved by Muslims and if we officials do not solve it, the Islamic nations will not put up with it for even a moment. We believe it is impossible to fight Israel without fighting the United States. Our views on the problems of Palestine and even the internal differences in the PLO are based on the fact that the farther the PLO stays away from the United States, the better it can function and, in turn, better fight Israel.

The president said: Our other point of view on the PLO is that this organization should make the fight an armed fight and should lean on Islam. We believe that this act, which is returning

to Islam, can solve all the problems of the Islamic world. We have the same views on Afghanistan. We believe that the problem of Afghanistan should be solved based on the fact of being Afghan and Islam. We believe that an Islamic country should act on the strategy of "neither East nor West" and the strategy of Islamic laws to reach the (?mercy) of God.

In conclusion, the president said: Fortunately, after the revolution, against all the pressures, we have been able to solve most of our problems and we hope to be able to move faster by continuing this path and relying on Islam. Our Muslim brothers all over the Islamic world should understand that our true policy is Islam and any action against us is against Islam and the opposition of big powers of the world against Iran is a fight against Islam. If we stop our reliance on Islam, their opposition against us will stop. We hope that our Muslim brothers in the Middle East and other Islamic countries give more attention to this fact. Of course, we have the power to resist all the plots of the big and small powers and enemies who stand against us and this is a result of our belief in Islam.

Khamene'i Sermon Mentions Shortages, Hijacking
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[Excerpts] On the occasion of the prosperous 'Id al-Fitr, millions of brave and Muslim people of our country today held a magnificent prayer gathering for this prosperous Islamic 'Id and took part in ceremonies marking the holy days. Today the brave and ever-on-the-scene people of Tehran gathered in the big prayer arena of Tehran and prayed the prosperous 'Id prayers under the leadership of Hojjat al-Islam val Moslemin Khamene'i, Friday imam of Tehran.

The Friday imam of Tehran in his prayer sermon emphasized the need for the greatest unity possible between different classes of people and reminded them that a Muslim society should never lose its unity because the enemies of Islam are trying to destroy the unity of Muslims.

Mr Khamene'i then made the point that people should put aside their misunderstandings and differences toward each other and said: I, as your brother and as one of the people of this nation, will forgive whomever I have differences with. You should forget and forgive each other.

Mr Khamene'i then invited the Muslims of the world to the greatest unity possible. Noting the friends and enemies of Iran he said: What has happened in Iran is the first step in the development of Islam and the next steps will be taken later. The development and victory of Islam in Iran forced the heads of the Muslim countries to recognize Islam. You Muslim nations of the Middle East and Africa, Islam can unite all of you together and the hands which make differences between you are the hands of the enemies of Islam. Also, the United States is the enemy of the unity for all Muslims and it is trying to destroy your unity.

In another part of the second sermon, Mr Khamene'i noted Islamic rules and said: We believe that the Islamic Government and the Islamic Majlis and the judicial system should work

together to put Islamic rules which are for the good of the deprived people into laws to be implemented by the Islamic Government. The president then discussed those who violated Islamic laws in society:

[Begin recording] Regarding those who infringe on society, we will react with the same Islamic strictness. If we have some shortcomings caused by the war situation in the Persian Gulf, limited road and port facilities, and a continuing economic blockade then it is normal for a nation at war and with these political situations to have shortcomings. The people who work with people, offer goods, sell bread, rice, and primary goods could give some peace to the people by distributing goods more easily and cheaply and by not being attracted to personal benefits, especially to ungentlemanly profits. They could do it. The officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran have warned the people who sell goods at high prices, the people who instead of distributing goods hoard them in their warehouses, and the people who instead of working 8, 10, or 12 hours in their shops work only 2 hours and make trouble for the people and cause long lines. But it seems that these threats have not had any results. Today the Islamic Republic is forced to begin stricter action against such violators. [chants]

And I will tell you brothers and sisters that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the judicial system together, hand in hand, will stand against these bloodsuckers and oppressors with great firmness. [chants] With the aid of God, strictness in action by the executive and judicial systems, strictness in decisions by the legislation systems, the Islamic Majlis, and accurate comparisons made between the laws, the Koran and Islam can end the pressures and problems of this nation. In domestic matters, all that we want to have is the feeling of shari'a responsibility. We do not want to pay attention to this or that group. We will only pay attention to our responsibility toward God.

When the Islamic rules and shari'a are given to us by the dear jurisprudence, when the Islamic Majlis passes the laws, then the executive system and the Islamic Republic Government will implement these laws with great strictness. [end recording]

In continuation of the prosperous 'Id al-Fitr sermon, he pointed to the plots of the enemies of Islam against the Islamic Revolution and talked about the cooperation of France in the hijacking incident and the enmity of this government toward the Islamic Republic and said: When these terrorists landed this stolen airplane in Paris, the French did not allow these tired passengers to rest in a hotel. The French Government, who calls itself one of the first democratic countries of the world, supported the terrorists! It did not even allow the passengers of the airplane to rest a bit and put pressure on them to return to Iran. The Kuwaiti Government also cooperated with these hijacker terrorists and gave them many facilities.

Our nation will not forget the wrong actions of these countries. Against all these tricks and pressures of world arrogance against our country, the Islamic Republic and this Islamic nation will follow its path steadfastly. Of course, these actions will affect our political and economic relationships with these countries. The French Government should not think that it can get closer to

Arab countries by being the enemy of Iran. Those who think about the Arabic countries and the future of the Arab nation and Jerusalem cannot recognize the French Government as one of their friends. We are leaning on the rightfulness of God, the unity of Muslims, and the support of our nation, and will continue our path.

Musavi-Tabrizi on Hoarding, Profiteering, Tudeh Trials
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[Text] The ISLAMIC REPUBLIC NEWS AGENCY (IRNA) reports that Islamic Revolution Prosecutor General Musavi-Tabrizi, who is visiting Tabriz in order to deal with east Azarbaijan's problems, has commented in an interview on profiteering, hoarding, and the trial of the traitorous Tudeh Party members.

Referring to the issues of profiteering and hoarding, he said: It is politicians dependent on the superpowers who are hoarding and capitalists. The distribution of drugs and the spreading of corruption also are being handled by the same people. We are certain that this is not being done simply for the sake of material gains and welfare, rather it is entwined with political issues.

Declaring the Islamic Revolution courts' support for the recent stands taken by Prime Minister Musavi, the prosecutor general said: The prime minister's stand on the question of hoarding and profiteering is a totally Islamic and revolutionary one; it is a just stand against any kind of deviation, based on defending the deprived.

He added: The government recently took measures aimed at the just distribution of goods, and a decisive campaign against hoarding and profiteering was also launched by the revolution courts. We hope that through cooperation between the government, the people, and the private sector, we will eradicate the roots of profiteering as soon as possible, thus stopping those hoarders, who in the short time since the revolution have amassed perhaps billions in wealth. In this connection, a new prosecutor recently was appointed in Tehran to combat profiteering and hoarding. The necessary instructions have already been issued to the Islamic Revolution courts.

Commenting on the date of the trial of the traitorous Tudeh Party agents, he said: Their cases are being investigated. Once their cases have been completed, their trial will begin.

Referring to the water and power cut in Afsariyeh district in Tehran, he said: Several issues are involved here which are being investigated. One is the reason for the power cut in Afsariyeh, which is now being investigated by Tehran's Islamic prosecutor's office. Secondly, certain elements dependent on American and blasphemous groups have infiltrated the people in order to present the issue of electricity as a political one. In this connection, a number of individuals who were members of dependent minigroups have been arrested. These people later confessed during investigations to creating disorder. The third issue is: Since the enemy despaired of carrying out military attacks, terror, and sabotage, he has been planning to promote his filthy

goals through spreading rumors and causing division. Consequently, I call on officials in charge of government organizations to identify those who cause dissatisfaction among the people and thus help military terrorists.

Concluding his interview, he commented on the turning in of members and sympathizers of the traitorous Tudeh Party by the set deadline — 15 June — saying: A majority of members and sympathizers of the party reported to Islamic Revolution Corps centers by the deadline. They were then released after completing the necessary forms. As for those who did not heed this deadline, they too have been arrested and will be tried soon.

Prime Ministry Statement on New York Court Ruling
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[Text] Tehran, July 13, IRNA — The Islamic Republic of Iran Wednesday criticised the U.S. judicial system because of its rejection of Iran's 65 billion dollar claim against the former shah of Iran.

The international legal services office of the Prime Ministry said in a statement printed in the daily *Keyhan* that the appeals court of New York had not made its ruling on a legal but on a political basis.

It said when Iran's claim was first rejected by a New York court on grounds that the defunct shah had no financial and legal relations with the State of New York, the office presented full and complete translated documents in 20 file-holders to the appeals court for further consideration. It added that the documents were in relation to the shah's financial dealings with American banks, trusts, cartels and the State of New York.

The Prime Ministry statement said that the appeals courts decision that misuses and usurpations were a natural thing for a monarchy was not a legal ruling but a political declaration. [sentence as received]

(The appeals court) has overlooked all legal and moral principles and this disgraceful ruling is a dishonour for the New York courts and the American legal systems, the statement said.

The statement also said that according to American laws the appeals court was responsible for introducing an appropriate court that could take up Iran's case, since it had rejected the jurisdiction of the local state court, but the appeals court did not heed this point.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,375
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[Communique No 1,375 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Yesterday, the battle continued along the entire defensive lines of the combatants of Islam in the form of exchanges of artillery and other heavy weapons fire. The

powerful and victorious warriors of Islam, on every front under their responsibility, maintained their superior firepower against the blasphemous Saddamist forces, protected their defensive positions, and by dispatching patrol groups controlled the movements of the Iraqi forces. In the region of Sumar, a unit of the Iraqi forces started moving forces and pretended to launch an offensive, but the fire of the warriors of Islam repulsed the movements and operations of the Saddamist mercenaries. In the region of Qasr-e Shirin, the exchange of fire was more intense than on other fronts.

Exchanges of fire continued on the Ilam fronts with the superior firepower of the Gendarmerie warriors. Exchanges of fire between our forces and the aggressive Saddamist mercenaries also continued on the Abadan and Khorramshahr fronts, and the brave warriors of the Gendarmerie, returning the enemy fire, silenced the fire of the Iraqi forces, killed or wounded a number of enemy troops, and destroyed more than 11 machinegun emplacements and heavy and light enemy weapons. The warriors of the Gendarmerie also controlled the movement of Iraqi military vehicles along the Al-Faw-Basra axis.

Yesterday, the city of Abadan was subjected to artillery fire by the Saddamist criminals. One of our compatriots in this city was wounded and five shops and houses were damaged.

During the past 24 hours, the defenders of the airspace of our dear homeland prevented any attempt by the Iraqi forces to carry out air raids.

[Signed] Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran

Official Explains Solutions for 'Bread Problems'

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[Excerpt] According to a report by our correspondent, the supervisor of the state grain organization and the supervisor of Tehran Flour and Bread Council gave some explanations regarding government solutions for solving the recent bread problems, in a press, radio, and tv conference today.

In this interview, the supervisor of the state grain organization pointed out: The government is paying more than 40 million rials in subsidy to provide the flour and bread used by the public, and the projected figure for this year's domestic wheat purchase is about 1 million tons.

He stressed: Considering the existence of good wheat reserves and favorable allocations to the bakeries, problems arising from people queuing in front of bakeries should be solved as soon as possible.

Radio Iran Reports 'Bloody Fighting' in Kordestan

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[Text] Bloody fighting is still continuing in Kordestan. The Guards Corps has announced that in fighting on 10 July, it had driven back the Kurdish forces from 20 villages around Piranshahr, killing 45 and wounding 30. The guards did not mention their casualties in the fighting.

Reportage on Recent Afghan Mujahidin Activities

Downing of Soviet Bomber

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[Text] Tehran, July 10, IRNA — A Soviet bomber plane was shot down Tuesday 5th July ten kms. north-east Kabul by the ground fire of the Afghan mujahidin. Its pilot and a Soviet military advisor were taken captive.

Afghan mujahidin sources reporting this further added that the plane was accompanied by three others as well as 8 helicopters which were on a mission of bombarding the Mujahidin bases. As a result of bombardment, some residential units and an orchard were damaged. However no losses were inflicted on the mujahidin, the report added.

Herat Clashes

GF111634 Tehran IRNA in English 1528 GMT 11 Jul 83

[Text] Mashhad, July 11, IRNA — Six Soviet MiG fighters bombarded seven villages in the region of Herat last week, as a result a number of residential units of the defenceless people of Afghanistan were razed to the ground and a child was wounded.

Meanwhile, severe clashes erupted between the Afghan Mujahidin and the Soviet forces in the region of Herat Monday 4th July. In this encounter 4 Soviet soldiers were killed and a number of them injured.